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accessing, by the reproducing device, the compressed digital data from a detachable storage unit, wherein the compressed digital data is transferable from an external device directly to the detachable storage unit, and the external device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the reproducing device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit; and

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decompressing the accessed compressed digital data.

51. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein said accessing step includes:

generating data select signals indicating which of the compressed digital data in the detachable storage unit to select;

generating control signals according to the data select signals; and

accessing certain digital data from the detachable storage unit based on the control signals.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein, in the generating step, the data select signals are generated based on user input.

53. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein, in the accessing step, said compressed digital data includes at least audio data.

54. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein, in the accessing step, the detachable storage unit is a memory device other than a disk medium or a tape medium.

55. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein, in the accessing step, the external device is a recording device and transfers the compressed digital data stored therein to the detachable storage unit as long as the external device is attached to the reproducing device.

56. (New) A method for recording an analog signal using a reproducing device, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving the analog signal by the reproducing device; and
- encoding and compressing the received analog signal into compressed digital data, and transferring the compressed data from the reproducing device directly to a detachable storage unit, so that an external device can access the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit, wherein the external device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the reproducing device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, further comprising:

receiving, by the reproducing device, user input indicating a mode to record an analog signal, wherein the encoding, compressing and transferring steps are performed in response to the use input.

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58. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein, in the transferring step, said compressed digital data includes at least audio data.

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59. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein, in the transferring step, the detachable storage unit is a memory device other than a disk medium or a tape medium.

60. (New) A method for transferring compressed digital data from a recording device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing the compressed digital data in the recording device; and
transferring the compressed digital data from the recording device directly to a detachable storage unit, so that an external device can access the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit, wherein the recording device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the external device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit.

61. (New) A method for transferring compressed digital data in a recording and reproducing system including a recording device and a reproducing device, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the recording device, a command for indicating a mode of the reproducing device; and

transferring the compressed digital data from a detachable storage unit directly to the reproducing device based on the indicated mode, wherein the recording device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the reproducing device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, further comprising:

providing the compressed digital data in the recording device;

receiving, by the recording device, a second command indicating a mode of the recording device; and

prior to the transferring step, transferring the compressed digital data from the recording device to the detachable storage unit, so that the reproducing device can access the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit.

63. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the transferring step includes:

generating data select signals indicating which of the compressed digital data in the detachable storage unit to select;

generating control signals according to the data select signals; and

accessing certain digital data from the detachable storage unit

based on the control signals.

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64. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein, in the step of generating the data select signals, the data select signals are generated based on user input.

65. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein, in the transferring step, the detachable storage unit is a memory device other than a disk medium or a tape medium.

66. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the transferring step is performed via wire-interface.

67. (New) The method of claim 61, wherein the compressed digital data includes at least audio data.

68. (New) A reproducing device for reproducing compressed digital data, the reproducing device comprising:

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a microcomputer accessing the compressed digital data from a detachable storage unit, wherein the compressed digital data is transferable from an external device directly to the detachable storage unit, and the external device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the reproducing device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit; and

a data processor decompressing the accessed compressed digital data.

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69. (New) The reproducing device of claim 68, wherein the microcomputer generates data select signals indicating which of the compressed digital data in the detachable storage unit to select, generates control signals according to the data select signals, and accesses certain digital data from the detachable storage unit based on the control signals.

70. (New) The reproducing device of claim 69, wherein the microcomputer generates the data select signals based on user input.

71. (New) The reproducing device of claim 68, wherein the detachable storage unit is a memory device other than a disk medium or a tape medium.

72. (New) A reproducing device for recording an analog signal, the reproducing device comprising:

a microcomputer receiving the analog signal input to the reproducing device; and

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a data processor encoding and compressing the received analog signal into compressed digital data,

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wherein the microcomputer transfers the compressed data from the reproducing device directly to a detachable storage unit, so that an external device can access the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit, and

wherein the external device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the reproducing device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit.

73. (New) The reproducing device of claim 72, further comprising:

a user input unit receiving user input indicating a mode to record an analog signal, wherein the data processor encodes and compresses the analog signal in response to the use input.

74. (New) The reproducing device of claim 72, wherein the detachable storage unit is a memory device other than a disk medium or a tape medium.

75. (New) A recording device for transferring compressed digital data, the recording device comprising:

an internal memory storing the compressed digital data in the recording device;

a controller controlling the internal memory and an interface unit; and

the interface transferring the compressed digital data from the recording device directly to a detachable storage unit, so that an external device can access the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit, wherein the recording device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the external device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit.

76. (New) A system for transferring compressed digital data, the system comprising:

a reproducing device;

a detachable storage unit storing the compressed digital data therein;

and

a recording device receiving a command for indicating a mode of reproducing device,

wherein the reproducing device accesses directly the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit based on the indicated mode, and

wherein the recording device when attached to the detachable storage unit, but detached from the reproducing device, cannot reproduce data from the detachable storage unit.

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77. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the recording device includes:
an internal memory storing the compressed digital data therein;
a controller controlling the internal memory and an interface unit, and
receiving a second command indicating a mode of the recording device; and
the interface unit transferring the compressed digital data from the
recording device to the detachable storage unit, so that the reproducing device
can access the compressed digital data from the detachable storage unit.

78. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the reproducing device includes:

a microcomputer generating data select signals indicating which of the
compressed digital data in the detachable storage unit to select, generating
control signals according to the data select signals, and accessing certain
digital data from the detachable storage unit based on the control signals.

79. (New) The system of claim 78, wherein the microcomputer
generates the data select signals based on user input.

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80. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein the interface unit is a wire-
interface.

81. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein the detachable storage unit is
a memory device other than a disk medium or a tape medium.--
